The VA Psychology Photo History Project


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The Veterans Administration Building, Washington, DC, circa 1940
In authoring this work, all of the enclosed photos were assembled, scanned, and annotated or labeled by Rodney R. Baker, Ph.D., historian for the Association of VA Chief Psychologists (later re-named the Association of VA Psychologist Leaders.) Photos used in this publication were selected from those he had personally acquired over the years in his role as historian, many obtained from U. S. government files in the public domain or donated by other individuals for archive use. No copyright is claimed by the author.
Acknowledgements

While editing the book *Stories From VA Psychology*¹, one of the chapter authors asked if I would be interested in receiving old photos he had acquired during his career. I indicated my interest and not only received a number of photos from him and the other chapter authors that I used in the book, but I received many more than space would allow for that publication. I decided then that I would start asking others for their photos which I would scan and add to a collection to submit to the VA psychology archives in the Center for the History of Psychology, Archives of the History of American Psychology (CHP/AHAP) at The University of Akron. Unfortunately, I was not always diligent in noting the source of the photos I received but have noted the source when known. This publication contains screen prints of those photos, and all photos are included on a VA Psychology Photo History Project CD in those archives. Three of the photos in Section 1 came from CHP/AHAP².

Another source for this collection of over 170 photos, in fact almost half, came from scans I made from the *Newsletters* of the Association of VA Chief Psychologists (AVACP), later renamed the Association of VA Psychologist Leaders (AVAPL). These photos are primarily included in Section 4. Although the scans of these small photos (as well as some others) were not of the quality I would have preferred, I decided to include them believing that their inclusion would add to the historical value of this collection. For the most part, these photos are of VACO leaders and VA chiefs of psychology or psychology leaders who served as officers or in other roles in AVACP and AVAPL while helping to advance the professional and patient care mission of VA psychology from 1978 to 2005. (Note: All of these *Newsletter* issues are included in the VA psychology archives at CHP/AHAP.)

Special thanks are due to the eight editors of the AVACP/AVAPL newsletters for the photos they added to their newsletter articles. They and their editorial assistants not only collected the photos for the stories they put together, but the 87 issues and over 2200 pages of these newsletters serve as a valuable resource documenting the history of VA psychology during this period. The standard for the quality of the newsletters was set by Phil Laughlin, the first editor who also filled that role for the longest time period. He and his editorial staff published 25 issues with almost 600 pages of material. The editors and the newsletter issues they produced are listed below. Their photos are included in Section 4 of this collection.

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² They include that of James Miller (01-01), Jane Morgan (01-03), and Robert Waldrop (01-05). The photo of Jane Morgan has been cropped and tinted and was taken from a group image of attendees at the Boulder Conference on Graduate Education in Clinical Psychology (1949).
Phil Laughlin (Knoxville VA) – January 1978 to October 1983
Tom Miller (Lexington VA) – January 1984 to May 1986
William Klett (St. Cloud VA) – August 1986 to January 1987
Kenneth Kuhn (Tomah VA) – May 1987 to August 1989
Barry Kinney (Asheville VA) – January 1990 to January 1993
Phyllis Williams (Lyons VA) – June 1993 to October 1996
Stephen Cavicchia (Coatesville VA) – November 1997 to Fall 2000
June Malone (Milwaukee VA) – Winter 2001 to 2005

Without the contributions of the above editors and the others who contributed their photos, this collection would not exist. Thanks.

Still another acknowledgement for this publication is the historian role that Jon Cummings played with the beginning of AVACP. He recognized the importance of maintaining a record of the activities of the association which so closely followed the development of VA psychology during those critical years. When the decision was made to move the almost 20 years of archive files from the basement of his home to CHP/AHAP and for me to assume the historian role, I helped him to pack and send more than a dozen large boxes to Akron, all neatly organized into files labeled with the major issues AVACP and VA psychology struggled with over the years. Not the least of his archive collection was a copy of each of the AVACP/AVACP Newsletters, their value already noted. I doubt there were more than a half dozen complete collections of those Newsletters at the time. Jon made sure the VA psychology archives at CHP/AHAP got one.

I finally thank Robert Goldberg, my successor as VA psychology historian, for proof-reading and correcting errors in drafts which I sent him. Although I tried to cross-reference all facts and dates through-out the manuscript with at least two sources, including old APA directories, any remaining errors are mine.

The primary shortcoming of this collection is, of course, the missing images of so many other VA psychology leaders whose photographs were not available for this publication. I hope that we will continue our search. Let me also explain the “Part 1” label given this publication. Robert Goldberg has made the commitment to pick up this photo history project in his tenure as VA psychology historian and has already started organizing “Part 2.” Please help him with this project as you have helped me.

Rod Baker
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format displays screen-capture prints of the scanned photos on a Project CD in the VA
psychology archives. The photos are either grayscale or color and display well on
computer monitors (given the limitations of the original quality of some of the scanned
photos.) If printed photo file pages are preferred and you have your own printer, the
photo pages will be best presented and clearest when printed on an inkjet color printer
using a 27# or heavier presentation matte or semigloss inkjet paper or on a color laser
printer using 28# or heavier color printing laser paper. Commercial office supply stores
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commercially bound copy of the publication printed on 60# smooth bright white off-set
paper with its laminated color cover. The use of non-color printing is not recommended.
The number under each print in the manuscript identifies the scanned photo on the
Project CD with a section number (see above content information) and the numbering
of the print within the section.
Section 1: Psychology Leaders in VA Central Office – 1946 to 1978

Dr. Miller, first Chief of Clinical Psychology in VACO from 1946-47, started the VA psychology training program and established the requirement that all VA psychologists be doctoral-trained with clinical experience.

Dr. Miller hired Dr. Lorr in 1946 to be his Associate Chief for Research and Administration to review research done by psychologists.

Dr. Hildreth succeeded Dr. Miller as Chief of Clinical Psychology and served in that role from 1948-56. His leadership is credited with the significant growth of clinical psychology in the VA increasing doctoral staffing five-fold and doubling the number of psychology trainees.

Another of Dr. Miller’s 1946 hires was Jane D. Morgan given the position of Assistant Chief for Training and Personnel.
Section 1: Psychology Leaders in VA Central Office – 1946 to 1978 (continued)

Dr. Waldrop helped design and then served as Chief of the Vocational Counseling Service in VACO from 1952-61. The new doctoral-staffed service, independent from clinical psychology, brought vocational counseling into VA hospitals.

Dr. Peck came to VACO as Chief Consulting Psychologist in 1956, was promoted to Chief of Clinical Psychology in 1962, and became Deputy Director of Mental Health and Behavioral Sciences in 1975 until his retirement in 1983.

Dr. Hooper served as Chief for Psychology Research in Clinical Psychology in 1961 and was appointed to Deputy Director and Chief of Field Operations in 1974 in the newly organized Medical Research Office.

Dr. Peck hired Dr. Filer in 1965 to serve as Chief of Psychology Research. In 1975 he transferred to the VA Extended Care Office as Deputy Director.
Seated in the front row beginning with the third person from the left are VACO psychology staff: Harold Dickman, Cecil Peck, and John (Jack) Davis, Jr. Others identified in the picture include Murray Lonstein (Pittsburgh Leech Farm) sitting next to Harold Dickman, Frederick Schnadt (North Little Rock) sitting next to Jack Davis, Earl Taulbee (Tuscaloosa) in back row far left, and Jonathan Cummings (Washington, DC) in second row far right.

Note: Identified after book came out – Front row, far left (with string tie): A. Dudley Roberts, Chief at Lexington

01-11 (including 01-11b) VACO Staff with Chiefs at Tuscaloosa 1967.doc
Dr. Peck hired Dr. Stenger in 1964 to serve as Chief Psychologist for Medical/Surgical Hospitals. He was promoted to Associate Director for Psychology in 1976, a position held until his retirement in 1980.

In 1966, Dr. Peck hired Dr. Davis to serve as Chief Psychologist for Outpatient Psychology. With Dr. Peck’s retirement, Dr. Davis became the second Deputy Director of Mental Health and Behavioral Services from 1983-85.
Dr. Moore transferred from staff psychologist at the Nashville VA to the VA’s Office of Academic Affairs in 1977 where she was responsible for managing the psychology training program until 1985. She served as Director of Leadership VA from 1985-98, then transferred to the VA’s Office of Inspector General (1998 to present.)

Dr. Freed was Special Assistant and Research Coordinator to the Director of Mental Health and Behavioral Sciences when in late 1978 he followed Dr. Hooper as Deputy Director of the Medical Research Service.
Section 2: VA Chiefs of Psychology – The First 20 Years

Note: These Individuals are listed chronologically by year of appointment as chief. They may have served as chief at more than one VA; if so, only the first chief assignment is noted (the photo date may not match year as chief.)
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VA Medical Center and VA Regional Office Officials in attendance...
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05-01 S. J. Williamson (far left) & Staff ca 1970 (Photo from Orv Lips).jpg

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